

for the convenience of the Examiner. Immediately following the replacement claims reproduced herein below is a marked-up version of the prior pending claims showing the amendments made thereto. Applicants respectfully submit that no amendments have been made to the pending claims for the purpose of overcoming any prior art rejections that would restrict the literal scope of the claims or equivalents thereof.

WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

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1. (AMENDED) A computer system comprising:
 - an audio processing means receiving data within said computer system for processing digital audio signals into a digital audio stereo signal with a left and right channel;
 - a sound system for providing stereo sound with a left and a right stereo output signal within said computer system receiving said digital audio signals wherein one of said stereo output signals is provided for a loudspeaker and the other of said stereo output signals is provided for a headset;
 - said audio processing means upon a control signal either provide an audio signal on said left or on said right channel.
 2. (AMENDED) A computer system according to claim 1, wherein said computer system is coupled with a data network and said receiving data are packetized audio data.
 3. (AMENDED) A computer system according to claim 1, wherein said computer system is coupled with a telephony network and said receiving data are telephony audio data.
 4. (AMENDED) A computer system according to claim 1, wherein said system is a telephony over network system.

5. (AMENDED) A computer system according to claim 1, wherein said control signal is generated by a manual input device coupled with said data processing system.

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could 6. (AMENDED) Method for providing audio signals within a data processing system comprising the steps of:

- receiving a digital signal representing an audio signal;
 - receiving a control signal;
 - processing said digital signal to generate a stereo signal having a left and right stereo audio channel and upon said control signal providing said audio signal for either a left or right stereo audio channel, wherein one of said stereo channels is provided for a loudspeaker and the other one of said stereo channels is provided for a headset;
 - converting said stereo signal into analog signals.
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7. Method according to claim 6, wherein said digital signal is provided by a telephony over network system and said control signal is received after a ringing signal is detected.

8. Method according to claim 7, wherein the ringing signal is output on both audio channels.

9. Method according to claim 7, wherein the ringing signal is output on one audio channel.

10. (CANCELLED) Data processing system comprising:

- an audio processing means receiving data within said data processing system for converting said data into an analog signal;
- a switching means receiving said analog signal and having a first and second

output wherein said first output is provided for a loudspeaker and said second output is provided for a headset;

- said switching means upon a control signal either couple said audio signal with said first or second output.

11. (CANCELLED) Data processing system according to claim 10, further comprising means for receiving a manual input of a user and for generating said control signal after an incoming call is detected.

A2 12. (NEW) Method for providing audio signals within a data processing system having a stereo audio output system with a left and a right channel, wherein one channel is coupled with a loudspeaker and the other channel is coupled with a headset, the method comprising the steps of:

- receiving a digital signal representing an audio signal provided by a telephony over network system;
- receiving a ringing signal;
- generating a ringing sound on at least one of said channels of the stereo output system, wherein said one channel is the channel coupled with the loudspeaker;
- receiving a control signal after said ringing signal is detected;
- processing said digital signal to generate a stereo signal and upon said control signal providing said audio signal for either a left or right stereo audio channel;
- converting said stereo signal into analog signals;
- providing said stereo signal to said stereo audio output system.

13. (NEW) Method according to claim 12, wherein said ringing sound is generated with a pre-defined volume.

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14. (NEW) Method according to claim 12, wherein said ringing sound is generated for both channels of said stereo output system, wherein each channel comprises a pre-defined volume.

15. (NEW) Method according to claim 12, generating said ringing sound on at least one of said channels of the stereo output system independent from the selected audio channel.
